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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. F. E. Haskell was up from Lake Weir Wednesday.

The King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at the Elks hall.

Masters shows, Holiday Hose, for the Holly Days.

A street carnival is booked for Ocala for Christmas week.

Holmes Walters has been on the sick list for the past several days.

Mrs. V. E. Oldfield has spent the week at Jacksonville at the Windsor Hotel.

Masters had Men's Suits from \$6.00 to \$18.00.

Mrs. Blitch and Mrs. Potts, of Fellowship, were shopping in Ocala Wednesday.

Mr. J. M. Barco came home yesterday morning from a trip to Jacksonville.

For a Christmas Gift for your wife or daughter, or child, a glove on the hand is worth two in the box at Masters Store.

The Ocala House will give its guests Christmas dinner in its own dining room.

Mrs. E. R. Edwards of Erie Penn., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Isaac Stevens for the winter.

Mr. J. W. Ward, Jr., a prominent turpentine operator of Floral City, was in Ocala Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clark, of Martel, were doing their Christmas shopping in Ocala Wednesday.

You will find at Masters, Dainty Boxes, in perfect keeping, with the Dainty Stationery they contain.

Miss Adah Bennett, of Crystal River, was buying Christmas goods in Ocala Wednesday.

Mrs. Hampton Chambers is down from Orange Lake to spend a few days with her Ocala friends.

Silk Shawls, Ice Wool Shawls and Fascinators, bought at Masters, warm hearts as well as heads, and backs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearson Cox, of St. Augustine, will spend the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. R. A. Burford came home Wednesday from Jacksonville, where she spent a couple of days.

There has been a real live ig wrote in Ocala for several days past and he created a good deal of interest.

Mr. C. H. Lloyd, of Holder, was in the city yesterday on his way home from a visit to Jacksonville.

Hon. R. L. Anderson has been on a professional visit to Tallahassee and Jacksonville during the week.

The firm of H. B. Masters has a very pretty new delivery wagon. It made its first round yesterday.

Useful, beautiful, valuable, Umbrellas are shown at Masters.

The Elks of Jacksonville are making preparations to give the poor of that city a big dinner on Christmas day.

As Holiday Hints, let us suggest those lovely Stocks and Big Lace Collars which Masters has in stock.

The north bound coast line train was two hours late yesterday and the south bound Seaboard was several hours behind time.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular meeting this morning. The members are requested to meet promptly at ten o'clock.

Mrs. W. D. Turnley and children of Arcadia, are the guests of Mrs. Turnley's mother, Mrs. Fannie R. Gary, for the holidays.

A Christmas Gift of one of those stylish dress patterns Masters has in stock, will greatly please your mother, your wife, or your best girl.

Dr. H. C. Howard and his daughter, Miss May Howard, will spend the winter in Ocala with Dr. Howard's son, Mr. F. M. Howard.

Miss Sallie Camp, who is attending school at Baltimore this year, is at home with her parents, Col. and Mrs. W. N. Camp, for the holiday season.

The Belts which Masters has for sale, are Singularly Smart and Doubly Desirable.

Mrs. J. M. Meffert was in from Lowell Wednesday doing her Christmas shopping.

Miss B. B. Harrison, who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Elmore Davidson for several weeks, returned home Wednesday.

Wanted—A good all round cook. Good pay to right party and steady employment, apply to Mrs. T. M. Moore, No. 49 North Magnolia St.

Miss Mary Williams, of Columbia, S. C., accompanied her cousin, Mrs. Alice Vogt, home from that city and will be her guest for the winter.

Hon. H. W. Long, of Martel, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was a familiar figure on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. f. Haycraft won the ladies prize yesterday afternoon at Weihe's auction sale, while Mr. J. C. Ewell, of the Marion Farms, captured the gentlemen's prize.

Mrs. George F. Armstrong and her infant daughter, Lucy, of Savannah, Ga., are the guests of Mrs. Armstrong's parents, Col. and Mrs. Camp, and will remain until after the holidays.

Mrs. Roland Marsh and little son, of Pannaso'Kee, are visiting Mrs. Marsh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Camble at their home in the third ward and will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. William M. Ross returned to Ocala Wednesday afternoon after an absence of six months, which he has spent in the mountains of North Carolina. Mr. Ross is greatly improved in health.

We had an immense wind and rain storm Wednesday afternoon. Several fences and trees were blown down and for a few moments the wind blew pretty fiercely but no great damage was done.

Mrs. Nathan Mayo is in the city from Belleview to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Newsom. She is accompanied by her interesting little son, Nathan, Jr.

Lost—Wednesday morning on the streets, a gold breast pin. Finder will be rewarded by returning it to this office. The pin is a long one with a gold flower in the center, set with a small diamond.

Mr. R. D. Harrison, formerly of Cotton Plant, but now of Leesburg, was a visitor to Ocala Wednesday and was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Elmore Davidson. He is now a merchant, farmer and orange grower and is prospering along all these lines.

Col. W. N. Camp is at home from Roanoke, Virginia, to spend the holidays with his family. This is Col. Camp's first visit home in several months and his friends are all glad to see him.

Mrs. Alice Vogt and her daughter, Miss Dora Vogt, returned home Wednesday morning from Columbia, S. C., where they have been visiting for the past six months. While in Columbia they were the guests of Mrs. Vogt's son, Mr. Ernest Vogt.

Messrs. Williams and Spencer Stone, of Chattanooga, Tenn., returned to their home yesterday after spending a few days with their mother in this city. They were called to Ocala on account of the death of their father, the late Capt. S. C. Stone.

Mr. Jack McCully our whilom correspondent from Fellowship was in to see us Wednesday and incidentally doing his Christmas shopping. We are pleased to state that after January first Mr. McCully will continue contributions to this paper.

Messrs. Z. A. Butt and J. A. Steine, of Pittsburg, Pa., heirs of the late Zephaniah Butt, of this city, are here closing up the business of the state. They have already disposed of their city property but still own a good deal of land in the county. These gentlemen will remain in Ocala for several days.

Mr. Frank L. Reese, one of the most popular lawyers of Live Oak, was a visitor here Wednesday and was registered at the Ocala House. Mr. Reese reiterates what everybody says about the push and progress of his city and says it is making steady strides in an upward direction.

Mrs. T. D. Lancaster, of Ocala, Fla., is in the city with her young son, T. D. Lancaster, Jr. Mrs. Lancaster is the wife of General T. D. Lancaster, of Florida, and sister-in-law of Mrs. T. J. Simmons, widow of the late Chief Justice Simmons.—Atlanta Journal.

The civil docket will be taken up in the circuit court today. Besides the Shaw Thompson case which has been set for trial December 28, there are two other criminal cases—selling liquor without a license to be tried. There was nothing done in the courts yesterday.

Christmas Celebration in Various Lands

As Seen in the Embassies at Washington City.

Santa Claus' triumphant is to be seen at his best at the embassies and legations in this city. There, as elsewhere, his toddling subjects rule, and that their sway is absolute is proved by the way they force the rich and great of all nations, regardless of religion, to honor, their patron saint.

There are thirty-six of these homes of distinguished foreigners who are here as the representatives of their governments. They represent all the great countries of the world and many of the small ones. They come from all parts of the globe. They are white, black, brown and yellow. There are Christians and heathens among them. They bring here the customs of all the great races under the sun.

No Christmas day passes without a tree, and gifts in the big Chinese legation on the hill.

French Custom. The lucky children in the French embassy have two days of joy. In France St. Nicholas attended by little saints dressed in furs and carrying packs, makes the rounds of all the houses on December 6. He leaves gifts for the good children and switches for the bad.

Gifts are brought to the Haitian legation by the infant Jesus. There can be no doubt of that, for one morning a youngster of the household, almost bursting with excitement, declared that he had seen the holy child leaving them.

The Russian Christmas comes twelve days after December 25. In the absence of children only the Russian day is observed. It is time of reunions and the exchange of gifts.

In Holland. In Holland just at midnight, in all the various villages the men, dressed in costumes of their own selection, meet in the principal squares; here they chant the "Gloria in Excelsis," and a vote is taken as to who shall have the honor of being star-bearer. A large star, containing a number of flaming candles, is fastened on a pole and carried through the dark crooked streets, the men singing in glad tones the "Gloria."

In Belgium. In Belgium, the children expect the good St. Nicholas to visit them. They think he rides on a white horse, so they polish their shoes with great care, fill them with hay, oats or carrots for the saint's horse, and put them in the fireplace or on a table, in the morning instead of the forage they find sticks for the bad children and candies for the good ones.

In Montenegro. The peasants of the mountains of Montenegro celebrate Christmas eve in a strange manner. First they light the great yule log; when this is burning, the master of the house and his son take candles, and going to the stables, stand for a moment in each corner; back to the door they hasten and lift up their flaming candles, while someone drives the animals in, single file.

The mother then sprinkles wine over each female of the live stock, and kisses the animal softly on its head. After this important ceremony is at an end the whole family cluck like hens, and make funny little chirping noises like tiny chicks, so that there may be an abundance of fowls during the coming year.

The first bit of burning wood that falls from the yule log is picked up by one of the sons, using his teeth instead of his hands; this is an exceedingly unpleasant task, as he must carry it into the yard and leave it there, at the risk of receiving a bad burn.

Custom at Lima, Peru. The people of Lima, Peru, call Christmas eve "the good night," and the whole city is in an uproar. In the middle is a magnificent fountain decorated with lions, griffins and angels, surrounded by a statue of Fame. Here hundreds of jets of water leap up in the air to the height of fifty feet filling the atmosphere with freshness from the spray.

Bands of negroes dressed in flowing red robes, some with their faces covered by odd masks, sing weird chants and dance with wild, fantastic steps to the accompaniment of guitar and castanets. The Indian women follow, their long black hair sweeping in masses almost to their feet. Waving light wands, they circle around with a graceful, floating motion to soft music played on flute and harp. Ice stalls are scattered over the square, where the merry-makers can indulge in what to them is a necessity during the long sultry night, as Christmas comes in midsummer.

South American Customs. In the South American legation the day is a solemn religious festival. Mass is celebrated at midnight on Christmas eve. The place of honor in the house is given to the manager of Christ. There are figures of the shepherds and wise men in wax grouped around the infant Christ. Christmas trees and gifts also figure in the celebration.

At the Mexican embassy a jar filled

with nuts and bonbons is suspended from the back porch. Various members of the family, blindfolded, strike at the jar with a long stick. When one finally breaks it all engage in a scramble in the shower of sweets. Then a basket filled with gifts is passed around.

There is always a great tree at the Austrian embassy, as was the case last year when all the little ones of the diplomatic corps, about fifty in number, were invited to see the wonderful tree.

Japanese Christmas. To the Japanese our Christmas is but little known. They celebrate, however, a day very much like it—"O Nehan," the anniversary of the birth of Buddha. It is an occasion on which every Buddhist house is in holiday trim, and gayly dressed happy faced children flock the streets.

In a certain meaning it is Christmas day to all Buddhists—this birthday of Buddha, the founder of Japan's religion. Every temple, excepting those of the Mon and Hokke sects, honor it with an important celebration. The founders of these two sects are considered by their followers to be themselves the meditators, instead of Buddha, between Amida and the people, and as a matter of course, Buddha's birthday is to them of secondary importance.

The chief feature of the celebration at the temples consists of the crowds in a booth dipping water with little bamboo dippers and pouring it over the image of Buddha standing in the water.

It is representative of one of the beautiful legends that gather about the miraculous birth of Buddha. Half a century before the time of Christ when the religious and social world of prosperous India needed the great reformer, heaven sent a baby prince to save the people. The mother of the babe did not live and for three years he was nourished by the juice of the tree which his mother loved.

In Russia. In Russia the peasants of all ages dress themselves to represent different domestic animals; the effect is ludicrous in the extreme. The reason they give for this is that they wish to commemorate Christ's having been born in a stable.

In Norway it is the custom to present one's lady love with a gift in a very odd way; the house door is thrust open and a large bundle of hay or straw thrown inside; when pulled to pieces, it will be found to contain some pretty bit of jewelry.

Because the Greek church never adopted the Gregorian calendar but clings to the old way of compiling dates, the Russian Christmas does not fall on December 25, but on January 7.

There are Christmas trees and presents for the little ones, but no stockings are hung up, for in the Russian celebration of the great day there is no such thing as Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Costly presents are scarcely known in Russia, the gift-making being confined almost exclusively to the children. The presents are placed under the tree, and the latter lit up with candles, and on the top there is generally a statuette of good St. Nicholas who is practically the same as Santa Claus.

The people attend services on mass in the church in the morning and the rest of the day feast and entertain their friends in royal fashion. Prior to Christmas day there is a period of five or six weeks fasting among the common people.

Christmas there is celebrated three days the 6th, 7th, and 8th and during that time no one does any work. It is not a religious occasion particularly, though many attend high mass in commemoration of the birth of Christ.

Feast on Roast Pig.

After the long fasting there is much eating and drinking. Roast pig is the main part of the feast. There is much indulgence in the cup that cheers.

Among the most popular things done is for the young girl to take a hand glass and hold it up before her, either in the house or outside—it matters not—the legend stating that the first face of a man she sees in it will be that of her future husband.

Another favorite pastime is for the young women to wind cord or wire around the fences and gates of cottages of houses at night so as to entangle the young men, the legend reading that the first of the sterner sex to come out and trip or run against the winding cords is destined to become the husband of the girl who spread the network.

Christmas among the orthodox Greeks is not nearly so important a day as is Easter. On the latter the services that have scarcely a parallel in ornateness and magnificence as well as solemnity. The priests don brilliant robes and costly raiment, and the churches are bowers of colors and flowers.

The Buckman Bill is Constitutional.

The supreme court of the state of Florida, without a dissenting opinion, has declared the Buckman bill to be constitutional and this much mooted question is now settled and we hope will never again be subjected to any disturbing influences.

If Florida provides a public school in every country district; a high school at every county seat; a university for boys and a university for girls at convenient localities, she will have done her duty towards the youth of the state and this is what she is now doing.

Florida, in the last twenty years, has not made much progress along the line of higher education, but now having her feet planted on solid ground, we hope her two universities will grow into proportions that will become the pride of Floridians and will ever be pointed to with love and veneration.

Tragedy at Miami.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. Dora Suggs was brutally assaulted and killed near Miami. She had been spending the day in town shopping and on her way home was attacked.

Mr. Suggs was startled by the mule returning without his wife and hurried out on an investigation and was soon joined by neighbors.

The night was very dark, making the search more difficult. Finally her mangled and dead body was found near the Oberchain place, the ground showing marks of a most severe and protracted struggle.

Her clothing was torn from her body and her head had been pounded to a jelly, by the fiend. At the last accounts the murderer had not been found. This is the second awful tragedy that has occurred near Miami in the past few months.

An Ocala Youth Wins the Watch.

In the mammoth Christmas edition of the Jacksonville Times-Union there was printed a pictorial puzzle. Bobby's Letter to Santa Clause. To the boy or girl deciphering the puzzle the quickest was offered a handsome gold watch.

A large number of answers were received at the Times-Union office and a great many of them were correct ones.

Master Robert Tydings, of this city, answered the puzzle in four minutes after receiving the paper, the quickest time made and in consequence he secured the watch.

Master Robert's young friends are congratulating him on his good fortune in earning such a splendid prize.

Christmas and Fireworks.

A petition signed by quite a number of merchants and others was presented to the council at its last meeting asking that steps be taken to prevent the shooting of fire crackers and the explosion of other missiles on or around the public square and lots adjacent thereto during the Christmas holidays. It is urged that this custom frightens horses causing them to run away, thereby making it dangerous to life and the constant explosion of fire crackers becomes a nuisance to shoppers and others.

City Council Doings.

Besides referring the ordinance regulating the saloons of the city to the judiciary committee, the council at its last meeting instructed the clerk to give official notice that the tax books will positively close on January 27, 1906.

It also tabled the long distance telephone ordinance. This ordinance will be taken up at some future time.

The light and water committee reported that the electrical appliances have been shipped but it could not be definitely stated when the new plant will be fully installed.

Dance for Christmas Night.

Next Monday night the young gentlemen will compliment the young ladies with a dance at the Armory. This will be the first dance of the winter season and will be a very pleasant affair.

The board of county commissioners held a special meeting Wednesday for the purpose of closing up the odds and ends of the year's business. The principal thing that engaged the attention of the board were the good roads. The board will start upon the new year in good shape. For the last year and for several years past it has set the pace in the good roads movement and has done a good work that will live for a long time after the present board has been gathered to their fathers.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

SUNDAY.

Ocala House—J. W. Zuber, Atlanta, Ga.; T. E. Williams, Moultrie, Ga.; F. A. Guild, Atlanta, Ga.; A. H. Gibbs, Cincinnati, Ohio; Wm. Lee, New York; B. Childs, St. Louis; T. H. Blaisdell, Gainesville, Fla.; Arthur S. Haines, Savannah, Ga.; T. B. Thrower, Floral City, Fla.; W. F. Cavanaugh, Augusta, Ga.

Montezuma—Wm. Littledale, Hawthorne, Fla.; J. P. Philpot, J. F. Mize, W. L. Fry, A. C. L. Railway; A. Tucker, St. Petersburg, Fla.; R. L. Barnes, Jacksonville; W. L. Hough, T. F. Baker, Dunnellon; T. T. McPherson, Wildwood; Oliver A. Morrison, Pittsburg, Pa.; N. S. Fairbanks, Savannah, Ga.; A. M. C. Russell, Brooksville; T. Bishop, M. Houghton, City; A. P. Malloy, Haines City, Fla.; J. R. M. Beatty, Tampa; Dr. J. W. Johnson, Florence, S. C.

MONDAY.

Montezuma—T. L. Neely, city; R. W. T. Williams, Jacksonville; W. T. Tanor, Atlanta; D. M. Hopson, Leesburg; R. Williams, New York; L. P. Hagan, W. M. Stone, J. W. Dutton, Mascotte; T. B. Lanier, Tavares; E. K. Roseborough, city; Gus A. Morton and wife, Eve, Fla.; T. J. Rumph, Montbroke; R. C. Williams, Baltimore; F. J. Hoffman, Lakeland; A. W. Eakins, Waycross, Ga.

Ocala House—Mrs. Pearsons, Michigan; C. H. Lloyd, Holder; W. M. Abrams, Cincinnati; J. B. Murrills, Jacksonville; A. C. Williams, Ravenscroft, Ohio; W. H. Rymer, Louisville, Ky.; E. H. Cherry, Baltimore; E. Ross Smith, Cincinnati; H. D. Denick, Tennessee; A. S. Harris, Valdosta, Ga.; Walter Ray, Leroy; A. N. Goodwin, Martel; A. S. Evans, Conant; Sam Hoffman, Charleston; S. E. Mott, Georgia; J. A. Grimaldi, Detroit, Mich.; D. A. Stroud, Barnesville, Ga.; E. A. Brush, New York; C. R. Boyd, Jacksonville; Meyer Blumenthal, Philadelphia; C. D. Dennis, Gainesville; Peter S. Gilchrist, Charlotte, N. C.

Glenwood—J. T. Kelly, Chicago, Ill.; H. Werter, J. E. Mixon, Inverness, Fla.; J. S. Engesser, city; L. E. Lang, City; H. E. Precht, city; A. Wilson, city; Thurland Bishop, Dunnellon; M. Blumanthal, Philadelphia; L. M. Rayson, Jr., S. A. L. Ry. Wm. Robinson, Boston, Mass.; M. M. Van Ness, Hernando, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Haisley, Lewis, Del.; Mr. Thomas W. Johnson, city.

TUESDAY.

Ocala House—J. G. McInton, Atlanta, Ga.; W. E. Cox, Jax, W. R. Wooten, Ga.; Frank Rion, Sav.; J. J. Hagar, Tampa; H. L. Hutchinson, Gainesville; D. S. Williams, Chicago; Jol. L. Eamin, Jax; J. T. Hutto, Dutton; Sunny Jim Robinson, Tampa; M. Dixon, Gainesville; H. T. Spooner, Boston; L. B. Warren, Texas; G. Stockton, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Henry Anderson, Jax; E. H. McMill, Trilby; E. H. Cherry, Balto, Md.; Lucien Hubbard, Ala.; W. W. Roberts, L. Howard, New York; J. G. Kirkland, Tampa; W. C. Alexander, N. C.; R. H. Shackelford, Jax; A. S. Hirschfield, New York; J. H. Clark, Ky.; A. Weiss, Chicago.

Montezuma—L. P. Hagan, Mascot, Fla.; W. M. Stone, Mascotte, Fla.; G. B. Tankersley, Coleman, Fla.; J. A. Cave, Savannah, Ga.; W. G. Allrich, Jacksonville; J. C. Moody, Tampa; B. J. Bruson, Dunnellon; J. R. Powell, Brooksville; W. H. Scott, Philadelphia; W. F. Franklin, Tampa; T. A. Sherman, New York City; L. M. Kinnon, Thelma; E. S. Rogers, Jacksonville; O. H. Rogers, Electra, Fla.; J. W. Ward, Floral City; A. Ward, Floral City.

WEDNESDAY.

Hotel Glenwood—J. L. Kelly, Chicago; Henry Gordon, city; J. C. Stine, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. J. Hayard, Tampa, Fla.; H. J. Johnson, Erie, Pa. B. F. Coenellus, St. Joe, Mo.; T. E. Coenellus, St. Joe, Mo.; Arthur Swan, Des Moines, Ia.; L. A. Butt, Benton, Pa.; Miss Minnie Butt, Minnesota; G. C. Lang, Miami, Fla.; Frank Rion, Savannah.

Ocala House—W. C. Alexander, N. C.; A. M. Dickson, Gainesville, Fla.; G. C. L. ng, Miami, Fla.; T. A. Metz, St. Louis; C. H. Lloyd, Holder, Fla.; W. R. Peterman, Trilby; W. F. Peterman, Trilby; M. Malsey, Atlanta; McGill, Atlanta; W. B. Hoyt, N. Y.; L. D. Myers, Balto; A. S. Anderson, Fla.; M. Magerson and son, Scotland county, Fla.; Mrs. Fuller, Scotland county, Fla.; H. B. Strauchen, Nebula, Ca.; J. J. Strauchin, Warm Springs; Wm. Ross, city; W. C. Alexander, N. C.; G. M. Johnson, Peddick, Fla.; Mrs. Harding, T. Caldwell, Weirsdale; Mrs. M. E. McInnis, Weirsdale; Mrs. E. R. Baughn, Geo. L. Whipple, M. S. Carmalan, Weirsdale.

Montezuma Hotel—H. J. Nichols, Wildwood; Fla.; T. M. Fennier, Coleman, Fla.; R. L. Thompson, city; G. H. Palm, Jacksonville; P. L. Reis, Live Oak, Fla.; S. O. Cork, Fitzgerald, Ga.; W. A. Shauk, Jacksonville; M. Thompson, Jacksonville; J. G. McIntire, Atlanta; Mrs. M. A. Meffert, Lowell, Fla.; Mabel Meffert, Lowell, Fla.; H. Bang, Mantel, Fla.; H. J. Nichols and daughter, Wildwood, Fla.; Mrs. Hattie Scott, Wildwood; T. A. Vincent, Frew, Fla.; J. M. Meffert and three children, Lowell, Fla.; H. L. Hough, Dunnellon, Fla.; F. Lancaster, Ocala, Fla.; E. W. Iroien, Petersburg, Fla.